

week 31:	rain glorious rain!
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We need rain to survive ...

Games:

1. **Active:** Thunder and Lightning

Games Module: page 18 (play as an active game rather than a circle game)

2. **Quiet:** Colours (*use colours of the rainbow*)

Games Module: page 21

3. **Relay:** Bucket brigade (*Fun after the rain!*)

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4. **Quiet:** Fishing for tests

Games Module: page 54 (Focus on Water Safety)

5. **Circle:** Dribble, dribble, drench

It's so much fun to run in the rain.

This game is just like "duck, duck, goose". As "IT" walks around the circle with a cup or pitcher of water and they say dribble, they dribble a few drops of water on the head of the Cub. BUT ... when they say "drench", that player gets the rest of the water on their head or back. Then the wet player chases "IT" and tries to tag them before he/she gets to the wet players place.

6. **Revision:** Life Line

If it rains too much, the rivers may flood.

Draw two lines to represent a river. One Cub in each Six is drowning in the river, the rest of the Six has to save the Cub. Have a short rope for each person, the rest of the Six are to tie the ropes together to make a long rope (using reef knots), the line is thrown to the drowning Cub who ties a bowline around their waist and is then pulled to safety by the Six.

Playing in the rain can be fun – feel the mud and wet grass under our feet ...

Sense Training:

1. **Kim's Game:** Feel

Place boxes on the floor with various items in them – e.g. leaves, stones, mud, water, grass, etc. The Cubs will walk blindfolded through the different boxes and try to feel with their feet what is in the boxes. Once they have all gone through, they are then to either write down what they felt or discuss.

2. **Kim's Game: Feel**

Let the Cubs use their feet to feel for items in a container of mud. Make sure you have water and towels for cleaning up afterwards!

3. **Kim's Game: Sight**

Rainbow fun – have various items in the colours of the rainbow OR prepare a chart with pictures of various items in the colours of the rainbow. Leave out one colour e.g. green. Cubs must observe and identify the missing colour. If time allows let them find items in the missing colour.

We all need to be careful and safe around water – when it rains a lot the rivers can become very full and dangerous.

Yarn:

Dennis learns a lesson

It was Dennis' birthday. His Dad Tobey took him and his friends down to the river bank for a picnic party. His Mom packed a picnic basket full of things that boys love best – hotdogs, chips, cake, sweets and juice. The boys enjoyed the picnic but soon tummies were full and Tobey was feeling drowsy. The boys asked if they could go for a walk along the path that followed the river and Tobey agreed providing they stayed away from the water's edge.

The boys walked along, stopping now and again to investigate something or other, now and again running, tumbling and generally just being "boys". They had gone quite far and were feeling rather hot when Graham suggested they sit under a shady tree for a while to cool off.

Then ... Dennis had a brain wave – "Oh boy! Why don't we swim in the river and cool off?"

Graham: "Don't be silly Dennis, how can we do that? This is not a swimming pool or a beach where they have special areas for swimming. You know you can only swim where there are signs saying you can."

Dennis: "But it's not a pool or the beach so we can just swim anywhere."

Ivan: "That's just it, we don't know these waters and you can't swim in waters you don't know. There could be undercurrents or all sorts of other hidden dangers, besides Tobey told us to keep away from the water's edge."

Dennis: "But I've thought of that, there is an overhanging rock we could dive off and then we wouldn't be disobeying Tobey as we are not at the water's edge."

Jason: "Dennis, don't you know anything? You mustn't dive into water which you do not know and cannot see into. You may hit your head on more rocks below the surface, hurt yourself and maybe even drown."

Dennis: "But, what if one of you accidentally on purpose pushed me in and we could tell Tobey that we were running around and I accidentally got pushed into the river."

Adrian: "That won't work Dennis. We know that we're not allowed to run around or push people into pools of water."

Dennis: "But I'm really hot and I want to swim."

Derek: "You know Dennis, you really are being rather foolish. You know that you've just eaten a big plate of food that Tobey's wife sent, plus you had three ice cream cones. All that will happen is that you're going to get a cramp if you swim now."

Dennis: "But I wouldn't swim too far. Just to that island we can see from here."

Basil: "That island may not seem far but remember you still have to come back and we all know that you should get out of the water before you get too tired."

Dennis: "But ... Oh I'm tired of arguing with you guys. I'm going to swim anyway."

Richard: "Oh no, we can't let you do that because it would mean that you will be swimming alone and you know that you have to use the "Buddy" system when you swim. If you got into trouble there is no way in which we could help you and there is nothing around here that we could throw to you to use as a float. I'm sorry Dennis, swimming is out!"

Dennis: Realising just how stupid he had been says "OK guys. I'm sorry for being so stupid, but tell me one thing – what makes you guys so clever?"

Sean: "We're Cubs! Dennis, why don't you join us at Cubs next week and share in the fun and adventures we have?"

Revise all the water safety rules covered in the yarn and add in any extras you feel necessary.

The Gold Wolf Cubs can do the activity whilst the Silver Wolf Cubs do the handcraft.

Craft/Activity:

1. Activity: Make up an activity or game

Gold Wolf Cubs prepare an activity or game (could be a board game) to tell others about water safety. Adult leaders must provide the necessary guidance and assistance to make this activity worthwhile (e.g. provide a blank board game).

Some templates you may wish to use, but let the Cubs choose what they want to do – only use the templates if need be:

Dominoes (match the picture with the safety rule)

<http://www.helpingwithmath.com/printables/others/kcc4Dominoes02.htm>

Board games:

http://www.esl-lounge.com/premium/board_games.php

2. Handcraft: Create a Rain Stick



Traditional rain sticks are instruments made with hollow cacti, thorns and lava pebbles. They are used in some cultures to invoke the rain spirits. Let the Cubs make their own to remind them of the soothing noise rain makes even if it is not raining!

<http://plantingideas.blogspot.ca/2011/12/native-american-rain-sticks-by-johnna.html>



<http://happyhooligans.ca/rain-sticks/>

Lots of songs about rain ...

Singing/Play Acting:

1. **Singing:** I Hear Thunder

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2. **Singing:** Singing in the Rain

*CHORUS: I'm singing in the rain, just singing in the rain (then say--)
hold it... hold it (arms are held out straight with palms out)*

thumbs down...thumbs down
Too ta ta Too ta ta Too ta ta ta
Too ta ta Too ta ta Too ta ta ta

CHORUS

thumbs down ... thumbs down (do the motion)
elbows back ... elbows back (do the motion)
Too ta ta Too ta ta Too ta ta ta
Too ta ta Too ta ta Too ta ta ta

CHORUS

thumbs down ... thumbs down (do the motion)
elbows back ... elbows back (do the motion)
knees together...knees together (do the motion)
Too ta ta Too ta ta Too ta ta ta
Too ta ta Too ta ta Too ta ta ta

CHORUS

thumbs down ... thumbs down (do the motion)
elbows back ... elbows back (do the motion)
knees together...knees together (do the motion)
toes together...toes together (do the motion)
Too ta ta Too ta ta Too ta ta ta
Too ta ta Too ta ta Too ta ta ta

CHORUS

thumbs down... thumbs down (do the motion)
elbows back ...elbows back (do the motion)
knees together...knees together (do the motion)
toes together...toes together (do the motion)
bend over...bend over (do the motion)

Too ta ta Too ta ta Too ta ta ta
Too ta ta Too ta ta Too ta ta ta

CHORUS

thumbs down...thumbs down (do the motion)
elbows back...elbows back (do the motion)
knees together...knees together (do the motion)
toes together...toes together (do the motion)
bend over...bend over (do the motion)
tongue out...tongue out (do the motion, continue singing)
Too ta ta Too ta ta Too ta ta ta
Too ta ta Too ta ta Too ta ta ta

I'm singing in the rain, just singing in the rain
(then say--)
hold it..hold it (arms are held out straight with palms out)
thumbs down...thumbs down (do the motion)
elbows back...elbows back (do the motion)
knees together...knees together (do the motion)
toes together...toes together (do the motion)
bend over...bend over (do the motion)
tongue out...tongue out (do the motion)
sit down....sit down. (do the motion)

3. **Playacting:** Magic Raindrop Ride

Raindrops fall all over the world – where did yours land?

Give each Six (or groups of 3) a slip of paper telling them where their raindrop landed. Choose places relevant to your Packs experience. Give them all 5 to 10 minutes to prepare a mime of where they are. Other Cubs can then guess.

4. **Playacting:** Make a Rain storm

As a Pack, start by tapping one finger on each hand together. Keep adding fingers until everyone is clapping (the storm). The storm goes away as you take one finger away at a time.

Advancement covered:

Silver Wolf:

Water Safety: Know the safety rules to follow when in or near water. **(Yarn and Quiet game)**

Gold Wolf:

Water safety: Tell others about water safety by making up an activity or game.
(Activity – allow time for the Gold Wolf Cubs to explain their game to the Silver Wolf Cubs – if possible set aside time for them to play)